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Boris Masinovsky et al. )  
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Serial No: 08/448,649 )  
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For: Methods for Using Agents that Bind )  
to VCAM-1 (Amended Title) )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115 WITH  
DECLARATION OF THALIA PAPAYANNOPOULOU, M.D., Dr. Sci.,  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132 AND  
DECLARATION OF BEVERLY J. TOROK-STORB, Ph.D.,  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendment and remarks are in response to the  
Office Action mailed March 21, 1995 in U.S. Application Serial No. 08/051,455, which is  
the parent of the above-identified patent application. In the Action, claims 30-33 were  
rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. §103. Reconsideration of the  
prior rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend claim 30 as follows:

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30. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of modulating interaction between a  
bone marrow stromal cell and [a] an immature bone marrow cell which comprises  
administering an antibody to VCAM-1 in an amount effective to decrease adhesion between  
the bone marrow stromal cell and the bone marrow cell.